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FUTURE TENSES

Abstract

Future is considered as the period of time that will come after the present, or the things that will happen then.

There are different forms people can express future plans. Here you can find some of them.

KEY WORDS:

Period, After, Things, Happen, Future

**FUTURE TIME: *BE*
GOING TO, *WILL*, AND
THE PRESENT
CONTINUOUS**

Be Going To and the Present Continuous as Future

MEANING AND USE NOTES

MEANING AND USE: *BE GOING TO* AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS AS FUTURE

Use the *present continuous tense* to talk about intentions or future plans.

A future time expression is usually used with the present continuous to show that the sentence refers to the future (and not something happening now).

The verbs *go*, *come*, *do*, and *have*, as well as verbs related to travel, are especially common with the present continuous as future.

MEANING AND USE: *BE GOING TO* AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS AS FUTURE

Examples:

When **are you coming** to see me?
I'm **visiting** Greece **this summer**.

My flight is arriving in the afternoon.
My father **is meeting** me at the airport.

A: What **are you doing tomorrow**?
B: I'm **having** lunch with friends. Then we're **going**
to a movie.

MEANING AND USE: *BE GOING TO* AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS AS FUTURE

The present continuous often refers to more definite plans than *be going to*.

With *be going to*, the speaker often has not decided on the details.

MEANING AND USE: *BE GOING TO* AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS AS FUTURE

Present Continuous as Future (Details Definite)

I'm taking a 3:00 flight to Chicago. In Chicago, I'm changing planes and flying on to Miami.

Be Going To (Details Not Definite)

A: I'm going to buy a car.

B: What kind are you going to get?

A: I don't know yet.

MEANING AND USE: *BE GOING TO* AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS AS FUTURE

Use *be going to* for predictions (guesses about the future), especially when there is evidence that something is just about to happen.

The present continuous is not used to make predictions.

Be careful! That glass **is going to fall!**

It's cloudy. I think it's **going to rain** tonight.

X It's cloudy. I think it's **raining** tonight.
(**INCORRECT**)

FUTURE TIME EXPRESSIONS

today
tonight
tomorrow
the day after tomorrow
tomorrow
morning/afternoon/night

They're arriving
tomorrow.

in five minutes
in a few days
in a few months

He's going to
call **in a few
hours.**

this afternoon
this Sunday
this week
this year
This spring

I'm leaving **this week.**

next Sunday
next week
next August
next month
next year

Next week I'm visiting Ana.

the week after
next
the weekend after
next
the month after
next
the year after next

We're having a
test **the week
after next**

WILL VS. BE GOING TO

Predictions with *Will* and *Be Going To*

Use *will* or *be going to* to make predictions (guesses about the future). You can also use probably and other adverbs with *will* and *be going to* to express certainty.

Will

Electric cars **will become** popular in the next ten years.
They'll **probably win** the championship.

Be Going To

Electric cars **are going to become** popular in the next ten years.
They're **probably going to win** the championship.

WILL VS. BE GOING TO

With predictions, the meanings of *will* and *be going to* are not exactly the same.

Use *be going to* when you are more certain that an event will happen because there is **evidence**. Do not use *will* in this situation.

She's **going to** have a baby. **X** She'll have a baby! (**INCORRECT**)

WILL VS. BE GOING TO

Quick Decisions vs. Advance Plans

In statements with *I*, *will*, and *be going to* have different meanings:

will—often used to express a quick decision at the time of speaking (such as an offer to help).

be going to—shows that you have thought about something in advance. Do not use *be going to* for quick decisions.

NOW PRACTICE

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